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SUBJECT: GEETING READY FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING: THE CYPRUS QUESTION

1. IN CONVERSATION JANUARY 16 WITH CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN
MISSION REPS (WHO WILL ALSO BE ON THEIR DELEGATIONS TO HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION -- HRC -- MEETING) THEY BOTH SAID THE
TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAD APPROACHED THEIR GOVERNMENTS IN CAPITALS
URGING THAT VEDAT CELIK OF THE TURKISH/CYPRIOT COMMUNITY BE
ALLOWED TO SPEAK UNDER TURKISH AUSPICES BEFORE THE HRC. BOTH
MISSOFFS REPORTED THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT FELT THAT A FULL SCALE
DEBATE ON THE ISSUE WOULD BE "DIFFICULT TO AVOID OR POSTPONE"
THIS YEAR, AND THAT IT PROMISED TO BE A TIME-KILLER BUT NOT A
LIGHT- PRODUCER OR A PROBLEM-SOLVER.

2. S DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, WHEN CYPRUS QUESTION HAS COME BEFORE
THE GENERAL COMMITTEE DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN IN RECENT
YEARS ON COMPROMISE FORMULA WHICH WOULD PERMIT TURKISH/
CYPRIOT REP TO SPEAK BEFORE THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMIT-
TEE INSTEAD OF THE PLENARY. MOREOVER CELIK WAS
HOPEFUL OF ADDRESSING THE THIRD COMMITTEE ON ITEM OF MISSION
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PERSONS, THIS YEAR BUT DEBATE WAS OBIATED ENTIRELY. CELIK AT THAT
TIME MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THE HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF
THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WERE NOT A MONOPOLY OF THE MAJORITY
ETHNIC GROUP. IT WOULD SEEM TO US AWKWARD AND UNJUST FOR
THE HRC TO ATTEMPT TO BLOCK CELIK FROM DEFENDING HIS
COMMUNITY DURING A DEBATE ON THIS ITEM. HOWEVER, WHAT WE
SAY TO THE TURKS AT THIS JUNCTURE COULD BE HELPFUL IN THE

CONTEXT OF ANOTHER ISSUE, NAMELY, BRINGING TO CONCLUSION
THE NEGOTIATION ON THE MISSION PERSONS COMMITTEE. AMB.
TURKMEN HAS REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMB. YOUNG; WE
WILL REPORT FURTHER ON THIS MATTER AFTER HEARING TURKMEN'S
VIEWS.

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